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FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISES THAT DENIS HEALEY, LABOR MP
EXPONENT OF DISENGAGEMENT HAS "PUT DOWN" A QUESTION WHICH
LLOYD WILL ANSWER IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ~~REPLY~~ "TO WHAT
EXTENT IS IT HMG POLICY TO ACCEPT PERSONS APPOINTED BY
THE AUTHORITIES IN EAST GERMANY AS AGENTS OF THE SOVIET
GOVT IN EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY UNDER AGREEMENTS FOR
FOUR POWER CONTROL OF CITY OF BERLIN".

FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL IS BRIEFING LLOYD ON
ASSUMPTION THAT THIS MAY BE USED AS OCCASION FOR ATTACK
BY LABOR MPS ON SEC DULLES WHICH WOULD BE DEVELOPED
THROUGH SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS. FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING
LEVEL BELIEVES LLOYD MUST INSIST THAT IT IS NOT
RPT NOT PRESENT POLICY TO ACCEPT EAST GERMANS AS BEING
SOVIET AGENTS AND THAT IDEA THAT DEALINGS WITH RAILROAD
OFFICIALS IS RECOGNITION CAN BE RIDICULED. THEY PROPOSE
LLOYD REPLY "IT IS NOT RPT NOT POLICY OF HMG TO ACCEPT
PERSONS APPOINTED BY AUTHORITIES OF EAST GERMANY AS
AGENTS OF SOVIET GOVT".

IF LLOYD IS ASKED, IN SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, ABOUT
DULLES STATEMENT, WORKING LEVEL BRIEFING AS PRESENTLY
DRAFTED SAYS (1) I THOUGHT HON MEMBER WAS ASKING ABOUT
POLICY OF HMG; (2) MR DULLES MADE CLEAR WE WOULD NOT

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RPT NOT DEAL WITH ANY EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS IN ANY WAY WHICH WOULD INVOLVE RECOGNITION FOR GDR; (3) MR DULLES ALSO MADE CLEAR WE CANNOT RPT NOT DECIDE IN ADVANCE WHAT WE MIGHT DO IN CERTAIN HYPOTHETICAL CIRCUMSTANCES; (4) THE "MINOR FUNCTIONARIES" MR DULLES HAD IN MIND WERE, I UNDERSTAND, THE EAST GERMAN RAILROAD OFFICIALS WHO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOVEMENT OF ALLIED MILITARY TRAINS; (5) HMG IS NOT RPT NOT AWARE THAT ANY EAST GERMAN RAILROAD OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS AGENTS OF SOVIET GOVT.

FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT HE THOUGHT BEST LLOYD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE. LLOYD CANNOT RPT NOT SAY HE DISAGREES WITH WHAT SECRETARY SAID AND WISHES TO AVOID IMPLICATION, IF HE INDICATES AGREEMENT, WHICH LABOR MJS MIGHT SEEK TO DEVELOP, THAT US HAS DISAGREED ON THIS QUESTION AND HAS ONLY JUST COME AROUND TO UK POINT OF VIEW.

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